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1. NO HIGHWAY BROOMS ARE IN USE IN GREEK OPEN PIT LIGNITE MINES. PRIVATE LIGNITE MINE OPERATORS ARE NOT FAMILIAR WITH THIS EQUIPMENT. LARGEST PRIVATE OPERATOR PRODUCES ONLY 300,000 TONS LIGNITE ANNUALLY AND DOUBTS APPLICABILITY OF BROOM TO SUCH SMALL OPERATION. PUBLIC POWER CORPORATION (PPC) ADVISOR REPORTS THAT PPC OPEN PIT LIGNITE MINES (21 MILLION TONS LIGNITE PRODUCED IN 1976) USE GERMAN CONTINUOUS OPEN PIT MINING SYSTEM WITH BUCKET WHEEL EXCAVATORS (BUCHAU WOLF, KRUPP), CONVEYORS (PRESENTLY PRODUCED IN GREECE UNDER LICENSE TO EUROPEAN MANUFACTURERS), AND STACKERS (BUCHAU WOLF, BROWN-BOVERI, MACHINEXPORT). IF HIGHWAY BROOMS ARE COMPATIBLE WITH THIS TYPE OF OPERATION, LARSON MIGHT HAVE USEFUL SESSION WITH PPC

2. OF FIVE FIRMS REPRESENTED BY GLOBAL, THERE APPEARS TO BE NO MARKET FOR PRODUCTS OF NORTH AMERICAN GALIS CO., AND J. H. FLETCHER AND CO. BECAUSE GREECE HAS NO UNDERGROUND COAL MINING OPERATIONS REQUIRING CONTINUOUS MINING SYSTEMS. ALSO, THERE WOULD BE NO
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LOCAL MARKET FOR D AND E TOOL CO. DRILL RODS AND AUGERS IF THESE ARE MADE EXCLUSIVELY FOR COAL MINING AND COULD NOT BE USED FOR GREEK LIGNITE. ACCORDING TO LOCAL MINING ENGINEERS, IF DERON ROOF SUPPORT SYSTEMS ARE HYDRAULIC JACKS AND METALLIC ARCHES DESIGNED FOR UNDERGROUND COAL MINES, THEY WOULD ALSO HAVE NO MARKET IN GREECE. UNDERGROUND MINE OPERATORS CURRENTLY USE TIMBER FOR ROOF SUPPORT, AND, RECENTLY, ROOF BOLTS (SOUTH AFRICAN ELBROC).

"GUNITING" IS RELATIVELY NEW IN GREECE, BUT PNEUMATIC SPRAY SYSTEMS
PRESENT IN GREEK MARKET ARE GERMAN TORKRET, SWISS ALIVA, AND EUROPEAN
EIMCO. WATER FILTER SYSTEMS OF VARIETY OF TYPES HAVE BROAD
APPLICATION IN LOCAL MINING AND INDUSTRY. BELIEVE THAT, DEPENDING
ON PRODUCT SPECIFICATIONS, PNEUMATIC SPRAY SYSTEMS AND WATER FILTER
SYSTEMS MIGHT HAVE SOME INTEREST. FEECO PRODUCTS ALSO WOULD SEEM TO
HAVE NUMEROUS LOCAL APPLICATIONS IN MINING AND CEMENT INDUSTRIES
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